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- 1. EMBASSY JUNE 19 FOLLOWED UP WITH ATTACHE DE CABINET AT FOREIGN MINISTRY WHO HAD PROMISED BUT FAILED PREVIOUS DAY TO CONFIRM SUBJECT'S EXACT WHEREABOUTS. ATTACHE (WHO IS SON KHAMSOUK KEOLA, LPF VICE PRESIDENT OF JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL) STILL HAD NO ANSWER ON THIS SCORE BUT DID STATE EXPLICITLY WHAT HE HAD ONLY IMPLIED PREVIOUSLY: THAT PGNU WAS NOT REFUSING US ANOTHER CONSULAR/MEDICAL VISIT BUT WAS MERELY ASKING US TO WAIT "A FEW DAYS" BEFORE VISITING SUBJECT AGAIN.
- 2. ATTACHE DE CABINET ALSO STATED THAT A LAO PHYSICIAN HAD EXAMINED MS. CONWAY WITHIN LAST FEW DAYS AND FOUND HER "NORMAL IN EVERY RESPECT."
- 3. MEANWHILE, AS REPORTED USINFO CHANNEL, TWO LAO-LANGUAGE DAILIES IN THEIR EDITIONS OF JUNE 19 (PUBLISHED JUNE 18)
 CARRIED STORIES TO EFFECT THAT MS. CONWAY HAS BEEN
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"CHARGED" WITH BEING A CIA AGENT AND IS BEING INVESTI-

GATED BY BOTH SIDES OF MIXED POLICE. STORIES SAY FURTHER THAT RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION CANNOT YET BE DISCLOSED "BECAUSE THE POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR MORE EVIDENCE."

4. COMMENT: WE SEE NO REAL ALTERNATIVE NOW TO WAITING FOR "INVESTIGATION" TO PLAY ITSELF OUT. GIVEN SOMEWHAT MORE CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE EXHIBITED TODAY BY FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, WE INTEND TO CONTINUE TREATING CASE AS PRIMARILY A CONSULAR RATHER THAN A POLITICAL MATTER. CHAPMAN

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